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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY CONCURS WITH PEACE CORPS ECUADOR APPROACH TO FINANCING OPERATIONS IN FY '76 WHICH COMBINES SLGITH REDUCTION IN VOLUNTEER LEVELS WITH INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SELECTED ECUADOREAN AGENCIES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE REDUCED BUDGET. END SUMMARY.

2. PEACE CORPS ECUADOR PRESENTED ITS COUNTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN (CMP) TO LATIN AMERICAN REGION MARCH 1. THIS CMP MEETS 100 PERCENT ALL FISCAL TARGETS FOR COST PER VOLUNTEER MAN-YEAR, VOLUNTEER TRAINING, AND FOR TOTAL BUDGET GIVEN PC/ECUADOR BY LATIN AMERICA REGION IN JANUARY.

3. CMP APPROACH TO HOST COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS FOLLOWS STRATEGY RECOMMENDED IN REF C. SELECTED INDIVIDUAL AGENCIES ARE BEING ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN COSTS OF SUPPORTING VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK WITH THEM. IN FY '76 THIS APPROACH IS PROJECTED TO GENERATE MORE THAN DOUBLE THE CASH AND IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ECUADOREAN AGENCIES OVER EXPECTED LEVELS THIS FY. HOWEVER, FY '76 CONTRIBUTIONS WILL STILL NOT EXCEED 4 PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET. THEREFORE, 10 PERCENT REDUCTION IN VOLUNTEER LEVELS PLANNED IN ORDER TO STAY WITHIN TOTAL FY '76 TARGET BUDGET

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FIGURE.

4. EMBASSY AGREES WITH PEACE CORPS COUNTRY DIRECTOR THAT ABOVE APPROACH MUCH PREFERABLE TO DIRECT REQUEST TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FOR MORE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS. THE SELECTED REDUCTIONS IN VOLUNTEER LEVELS EXPECTED TO HAVE MINIMUM IMPACT ON OVERALL PC PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS, AND AT SAME TIME AVOIDS RAISING REQUEST FOR ECUADOREAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT WHERE POLITICAL ISSUES LIKELY TO ENTER PICTURE POSSIBLY PREJUDICING FUTURE PC OPERATIONS HERE.

5. RECOMMENDATION: EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT BUDGET AND VOLUNTEER LEVELS PROPOSED IN ECUADOR CMP FOR FY '76 BE SUPPORTED BY DEPARTMENT AS MEETING PEACE CORPS' TARGETS FOR REDUCED BUDGET WITHOUT SACRIFICING PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS.
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